





"A FEW OF THE ORIGINAL SETTLERS REMAINED, HELD BY SOMETHING MORE THAN THE MILD CLIMATE.



"THERE WERE RUMORS OF SOME UNEXPLORED ASPECTS OF THE TERRITORY. THE NATIVE CTHANHLUK INDIANS MUST HAVE SHARED THEIR SECRETS WITH OLD ZEDON PECK.



"WHATEVER IT WAS, THE OLD MAN WASN'T ABOUT TO SHARE IT WITH ANY OUTSIDERS.



"HE JOINED THE TRIBE IN THEIR PECULIAR RELIGIOUS RITES AND CEREMONIES.



"ULTIMATELY, HE INTEGRATED WITH THEM, AND BECAME THEIR LEADER.



"IT IS SAID THAT HE ORCHESTRATED SOME INCIDENTS...



"...AND BURNED THE REMAINING EUROPEAN CHURCHES.

"LAME DOG'S INHABITANTS WERE NEITHER INDIAN NOR WESTERN WHITES, BUT A MONGREL HYBRID THAT SHUNNED ANY FURTHER OUTSIDE CONTACT."





I'VE GOT TO GO TO WORK NOW. I'LL SEE YOU LATER.



BUT FATE INTERVENED, AND CLARK FINISHED HIS AFTERNOON CLASSES EARLY, SO HE DECIDED TO PICK UP KITO AT HER JOB.

